

Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

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J. Russell George Takes The Helm At TIGTA

Washington D.C. J. Russell George assumed the leadership of the Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration (TIGTA). Nominated by President George W. Bush, Mr. George was confirmed by the Senate in November. He takes the reins of one of the largest and most complex inspector general operations in the Federal government.

Created by Congress in 1998, TIGTA oversees the IRS and its 100,000+ employees. On his role, Mr. George commented "I am honored that the President has entrusted me to lead an organization that plays such a critical role in ensuring America's taxpayers have a full accounting of how their money is spent."

Formerly the Inspector General for the Corporation for National and Community Service since 2002, Mr. George comes to TIGTA with a wide breadth of experience in oversight. He served as Staff Director and Chief Counsel for the House Subcommittee on Government Efficiency, Financial Management and Intergovernmental Relations from 1995 to 2002. While on Capitol Hill, he helped craft legislation creating TIGTA and the Debt Collection Improvement Act of 1996, which has saved American taxpayers billions of dollars by improving the collection of debts owed to the federal government.

Mr. George also served in the George H.W. Bush White House as Assistant General Counsel and then Associate Director for Policy in the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). Prior to joining OMB, he was an Assistant Prosecutor with the Queens County (NY) District Attorney's Office.

J. Russell George is a graduate of Howard University and Harvard University Law School. He resides in northern Virginia.

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